

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation/Midwest Regional University Transportation Center
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: September 30, 2004

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY01	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Deer-Vehicle Crash Information Clearinghouse	Project ID: 144-KG66
Initiation	
Administrative Contact: Jason Bittner	Sponsor: MRUTC
WisDOT Technical Contact: Nina McLawhorn	Approved Starting Date: 7/1/01
Approved by COR/Steering Committee:	Approved Ending Date: Extended to 7/31/06
Project Investigator (agency & contact): UW-Madison, Keith Knapp	

Description:

Total study budget	Current FFY budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date
\$500,000		\$24,584.73	286,749.69 (10/05/04)

Progress This Quarter:

The following activities occurred during this quarter:

- Printed and distributed countermeasures toolbox.
- Paid for February 2004 Deer-Vehicle Crash Symposium expenses.
- Presented deer-vehicle crash information in Nashville at Traffic Records Forum (by invitation).
- Visited Illinois DOT/DNR in Springfield, IL
- Visited Michigan DOT/DNR in Lansing, MI
- Presented deer-vehicle crash information at Governor's Safety Conference in Appleton, WI.
- Numerous media/other/email information requests were answered (MPH Magazine, WI DOT newsletter, WI DNR magazine, and On Wisconsin magazine)
- Worked on UW press release for Countermeasures Toolbox release.
- Continued webpage additions and updates as appropriate.
- Hired new student to work at Clearinghouse.
- Paid for one month of UW support staff time for symposium and clearinghouse assistance (this work occurred last quarter when clearinghouse had no student staff available).
- Began to summarize data from all five states (only IL DNR deer population data not collected) for first regional summary document. Began writing document.
- Tracked hits on website (Approximately 280/day at this point).
- Received ITE Journal comments on sign article (may still be published).
- Develop proposal for DVC Information and Research Center – DOT agrees to distribute.
- Invited and visited Quebec City to describe pooled fund proposal and NCHRP project.
- Invited to Sapporo Japan in August 2005 to discuss clearinghouse work at International Mammalogical Society meeting.
- Continued work as part of the NCHRP 25-27 Wildlife Crossing Use and Effectiveness study team (lead by Utah State University). June 1 start. Still working on subcontract with Utah State.
- Submitted three clearinghouse papers to TRB for January 2005 – two accepted for presentation, one possibly for publication.

Task Title	Scheduled/Expected Completion Date	Percent Complete
Task 1: Create a Technical Advisory Committee	July 2001/November 2001	100%
Task 2: Review DVC-Related and DVC Countermeasure Research	November 2001/May 2003	100%
Task 3: Review Deer, Vehicle, and DVC Information Management System Methodologies	April 2002/December 2002	100%

Task 4: Propose DVC Research and Data Collection Standards	June 2002/December 2006	60%
Task 5: Collect and Reduce the Deer, Vehicle, and DVC Data from Five States	September 2002/December 2006	80%
Task 6: Improve and Populate the DVC Information Clearinghouse Webpage	June 2003/July 2006	65%
Task 7: Summarize and Document Current Deer, Vehicle, and DVC Data	March 2003/December 2006	50%
Task 8: Assist WisDOT with DVC Information Management Standardization Plan	April 2003/April 2003 Dropped from Project Proposal	0%
Task 9: Promote DVC Information Clearinghouse First-Year Results and Monitor Usefulness	June 2003/July 2006	65%
Task 10: DVC Information Exchange and Clearinghouse Continuation Activities	June 2003/July 2006	65%
Total	June 2003/July 2006	70%

Work Next Quarter (October to December):

- Distribute/Promote/Advertise DVCIR Center pooled fund proposal.
- Possibly visit Minnesota and Iowa to promote clearinghouse, collect data, and discuss future of center funding.
- In January present the clearinghouse activities at TRB.
- Continue to draft first regional data summary.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

Hired another new student for Fall 2004. She is working hourly this summer in a part time capacity. Typical turnover of students from semester to semester for clearinghouse continues.

IL DNR currently unwilling to share deer population estimates. Will continue to ask, but may need to recognize that it will not be forthcoming.

National (and Canadian) recognition of clearinghouse continues and has assisted a large number of professionals in their discussions with the media and decision-makers.